

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm do hereby proclaim October 2006, as

Child Support Month

Whereas, Child support strengthens Michigan families and helps assure that children receive the financial and emotional support they deserve from both parents; and,

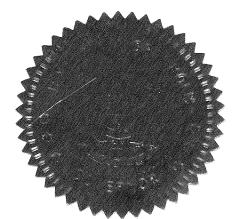
Whereas, Child support is the obligation of both parents, and failure to pay results in serious consequences for the parents, the children, and the citizens of Michigan; and,

Whereas, Michigan's child support program has implemented several program enhancements during 2006 designed to serve Michigan families including debit card electronic disbursement, automated capability for customers to search for unclaimed support, and increased hospital outreach to encourage paternity establishment; and,

Whereas, Michigan child support workers continue their national leadership role in child support collections, currently ranking sixth highest with over \$1.38 billion collected in 2005; and,

Whereas, Michigan consistently ranks among the top states nationally in total caseload, child support orders established, child support arrearages collected, and total cases paying with arrearages due; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2006, as Child Support Month in Michigan, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the efforts of those working to strengthen our families by ensuring financial and emotional support of Michigan's greatest resource, our children.



Je**yl**ifer M. Granholm

Governor